

GOOD NEIGHBOR SERVICE-LEARNING AWARD For TEACHERS & STUDENTS

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NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY
APRIL 11-13, 2003

Service-learning, now used in about one-third of all U.S. schools and a growing number of community organizations, links community service with academic study. It has been shown to improve academic performance, cultivate tolerance, instill civic responsibility, and enhance workforce readiness. State Farm's support of service-learning has been an integral part of the company's long history of investment in communities and public education. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company Chairman and CEO, Edward B. Rust, Jr., is a national business leader focused on partnerships that raise academic standards, improve educational accountability, and strengthen public confidence in education.

The Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award enables youth and educators to bring positive benefits of service-learning to more young people. This grant is for both young people ages 5-25 and teachers to implement service-learning projects for National Youth Service Day 2003, April 11-13th. Fifty grants of \$500 each will be available to young people and fifty grants of \$1,500 will be available to teachers (to engage classes). To apply, simply follow the application guidelines below and submit a complete application by Friday, February 28, 2003.

APPLICATION FORM

All Applications Must Be Received By Friday, February 28, 2003

Grant recipients will be required to:

- Use grant funds to complete a service project on one or more of the designated dates for National Youth Service Day, April 11-13, 2003
- Post your project on the National Youth Service Day website, www.YSA.org/nysd
- Complete a post-event evaluation form
- Create a budget detailing how the requested funds will be used to support the proposed project.

PART I:

Please type or print legibly and answer all questions. Incomplete or illegible applications will be disqualified.

Are you applying as a: ☐ Student ☐ Teacher

Student Name _____
First Middle Initial Last

Teacher Name _____
First Middle Initial Last

Sex: ☐ Female ☐ Male Age: (if applying as a student) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

School/Organizational Affiliation _____

How did you hear about this grant? (Please indicate specific organization, website, newsletter, or other source)

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a double-spaced response that addresses the following questions in no more than 500 words (approximately 1 page) for Part II, and 750 words (approximately 1 1/2 pages) for Part III:

PART II: Background

- *If you are a young person*, please tell us about your volunteer history (How long have you been volunteering? With what organizations? How has your volunteer service experience improved your life? How have your service activities improved your community?)
- *If you are an educator*, please tell us about your service-learning/service program (Describe your school's community service or service-learning program, activities and your recruitment efforts for youth volunteers. How have you successfully incorporated service to increase and retain academic skills? How do you incorporate youth into the planning process? (Details about any previous activities or on-going programs will be helpful).

All Applicants

- How has the community benefited from your activities? Have you or your school been a part of a coalition or project partners with other programs?
- Have you received a planning grant for past projects? If so, give details about the event, how the money was used, and its effect on your efforts.

PART III: Describe your National Youth Service Day project

1. What will you do?
2. Who will be served?
3. How will your project link service and learning (describe the service-learning)?
4. How will you recruit volunteers (please be specific, for example if you are working through school clubs, list the name of the clubs)
5. How will you involve youth who are not actively serving?
6. How many volunteers will participate in the project?
7. When will your project begin and end, and what will take place on National Youth Service Day, April 11-13, 2003?
8. How will you involve local VIPs?
 - Which elected officials (state, local, national) will be invited to participate in your project (please include specific names)?
 - Which members of the media (reporters, disc jockeys, etc.) will be invited to participate in your project (please include specific names)?
9. How will the requested funds be used to support the proposed project (what is your estimated budget)?
10. How will you continue to engage youth volunteers after NYSD 2003?

You may include with your application additional materials that demonstrate experience or that support your strategy (i.e. photographs, letters of recommendation, awards, press clippings, etc). Additional materials must be marked with your name and phone number and cannot be returned. Youth Service America staff will judge all applications. Applications are available on-line at www.YSA.org and can be faxed or emailed to:

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Youth Service America

1101 15th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005-5002

(fax) 202-296-4030 or goodneighbor@YSA.org

All application materials must be received by February 28, 2003 EST.

National Youth Service Day Resources

Youth Service America wants to provide you with the best resources possible to celebrate National Youth Service Day 2003, accessible at www.YSA.org/nysd:

- **Planning Tool Kit:** This comprehensive guide will help you plan your project, recruit volunteers, generate media attention, raise funds, and more.
- **Service-Learning Curriculum Guide:** Use this 9-lesson curriculum guide to develop students' project management skills while planning projects for National Youth Service Day. The Guide is appropriate for educators and community leaders.
- **Project Plan-It!:** This online, interactive tool allows youth to plan their service project and customize their own outreach, funding proposals, press releases, service-learning reflection plans, and more.
- **National Youth Service Day T-Shirts:** A perfect way to recognize and thank volunteers.
- **The President's Student Service Awards:** This White House initiative is an excellent recognition of youth volunteers.

Please visit www.YSA.org/nysd to register your project and find up-to-date information and resources. Registering your projects also helps us highlight you in the media.

If my organization or I receive a Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award, I understand that all funds will be made payable to me or my school and are strictly for the use agreed upon with Youth Service America. I further understand that YSA retains the authority to make and award grants at its sole discretion. I am aware of the obligations expected of grantees (as described in the application). I am prepared to see that my organization or I fulfill these requirements. Except where prohibited by law, I grant permission to Youth Service America and State Farm Companies Foundation to use my or my organization's name, photograph, or project for related publicity.

Applicant Signature _____ / _____ Date _____
Title _____
Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18) _____ / _____
Relationship _____
Date _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____

YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA (YSA) is a resource center and premier alliance of more than 300 organizations committed to increasing the quantity and quality of opportunities for young people in America to serve locally, nationally, and globally. YSA's mission is to strengthen the Effectiveness, Sustainability, and Scale of the service movement and to make service the common expectation and experience of all young people in America.

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY, a program of YSA, is the largest day of service in the world. Every year, millions of young people in America and their families participate in thousands of volunteer service projects across the country. NYSD 2003 will take place April 11-13th.

To learn more about these and other YSA resources, please visit www.YSA.org or send an email to info@YSA.org.

